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DEPT PASS FAA. BRUSSELS PASS ALBERT GAMMON, FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: NAIR, NP

SUBJECT: AIR SAFETY

1. WITHIN LAST WEEK THERE HAVE BEEN TWO ACCIDENTS INVOLVING AIRCRAFT IN NEPAL WHICH HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS CONCERNING NEPALESE AIR SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES. ON MARCH 31, RNAC PILATUS PORTER CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF, KILLING ALL FIVE ABOARD. SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER, ARMY HELICOPTER, CARRYING COMMANDER IN CHIEF, WAS FORCED TO CRASH LAND DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.

2. RECENT ACCIDENTS TEND TO SUPPORT REPORTS THAT HAVE CIRCULATED FOR SOME TIME THAT MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY RNAC ARE NOT ADEQUATE. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED AS AIR TRAVEL WITHIN NEPAL IS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS AID AND PEACE CORPS PROJECTS AS INCREASING NUMBERS OF AMERICAN TOURISTS VISITING NEPAL ARE FLYING IN RNAC AIRCRAFT. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT FAA SCHEDULE VISIT OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO NEPAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHO COULD REVIEW SITUATION, PROVIDE CRITICAL ANALYSIS TO EMBASSY, AND OFFER ADVICE TO GON. FOLLOWING RECENT ACCIDENTS, WE BELIEVE GON MAY BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH ADVICE THAN HAS BEEN CASE IN PAST.

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